



JULY 2018

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

This second newsletter I want to talk about the club, its strength's and its direction.

As a Zonta club we are one of the few, both in Australia and worldwide, keeping membership numbers constant. We certainly lose members as they leave town for various reasons, but we are constantly attracting new members. Last month we inducted Dianne Trueman and this month Alicia Palmer is being inducted. Welcome to you both and I hope that you enjoy what the club has to offer and take the opportunity to use the skills that you have.

Our club has always had strong leadership from both President and Board and the members themselves ..that's all of us.. as a group we are positive, affirming and encouraging of each other. I hope that each member utilises their personal strengths and develops some new ones, perhaps public speaking - more than they believed possible and perhaps taking responsibility for organising a group event, whether it's a sausage sizzle or a picnic. One of the pleasures I found when organising my first event years ago (a garden party featuring talented local choral singers, elegant cups and delicious cakes) was that you are not on your own, there'll be people happy to assist you, and they generally know "stuff" that you don't know. In our case, someone had a contact who let us have chair covers and tablecloths for the day (which we now own, of course, and you'll recognise them at every International Women's Day function).

We have some interesting and fun events planned for later in the year and I hope that you will support them by attending or volunteering to help organise - Movie nights, Bowen Races and sssshh much more.

Zonta's mission is to assist women and girls achieve their potential and that includes club members - but also we are committed to reaching out into our community. Ros spoke last month about the Awards and Assistance available to community members who further our vision and the availability of educational support for young women who need assistance with educational expenses. If you know someone who is struggling with finances please encourage them to get an application form, to check their eligibility and apply for funding support.

Zonta is an International Organisation and we have responsibilities towards our international community. One third of the money we raise is sent to Zonta International for projects that change women's lives; these projects are decided at the Biennial International Conference. Clubs from all over the world have input into the decision as to what focus and priorities these projects will be. Directly after the International Conference in Yokahama, we will hear more about the new projects.

I'm always so proud when I hear of the difference these projects make in women's lives; such a little contribution on our part makes a huge difference to other's lives. Next month I will talk on these International initiatives.

Have a great month. I look forward to next meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup>, when we have an amazing guest speaker sharing a project she started that really changes women's lives in Africa and as well membership have something special for us. Don't forget to grab something festive for the occasion - flowers, furs, feathers.. whatever takes your fancy!!

**Cath Fernbach, President**



## ADVOCACY

### E LEARNING

I would encourage both new and established members to access the new e-learning section on the Zonta International website.

I have put detailed instructions for access on Dropbox under General Membership/Introduction Zonta leadership Programme), but simply, you log on to the My Zonta page and find e-learning in the yellow bar. If you have problems logging on, Claire, Sandii or PJ can help.



While e-learning is nominated a leadership programme, I would recommend all members work through the first module, 'Governance', which presents a very clear overview of our organisation in a series of short videos.

Don't stress about the questions at the end of each section; these do not test knowledge, but just ask for a reflection on what you have viewed. You do have to progress through the sessions in order, but the last one covers navigation of the ZI website.

Each session has links to essential documents which are accessible from the ZI website and are also on our Club Dropbox under General Membership/Z International ...). In particular:

> The Club Manual is essential reading for all members; it is derived from a section of the Governing Documents.

> The Strategic Plan articulates our Mission, Vision, Theme, Values, Guiding Principles and Strategic Goals; the latter are refined each Biennium so a new focus will be published following the Convention.

> The Protocol Manual presents clear guidelines for organisers of all Zonta functions such as our IWD event and attendance of Zonta officials at meetings.

The e-learning programme is being expanded and as well as the section on Governance, it covers Goal Inspired Leadership, People leadership and Financial Leadership which could be applicable to other organisations as well as in Zonta roles. Take advantage of these and please let me know how useful you find them.

#### WE CAN'T DO IT ALL:

There are many topics which we should, as individuals, understand, discuss and address when appropriate. When acting as Zonta members, however, to maximise use of resources, we must prioritise those identified by Zonta International. This is illustrated in the rejection by the International Board of two issues proposed as foci for our organisation. Their responses (in brief) were: (source Convention Daily email – Day 3)

- **Climate Change - Implementing existing proposed Biennial Goals will require full commitment of international resources. It is up to individual Districts and Clubs to consider what is appropriate and feasible for them to undertake in this field at a local level.**
- **The use/abuse of oocytes (egg cells) - Responsible and effective advocacy on this topic needs further research into the legal status of the use of embryonic stem cells in various Zonta countries and the technical and 50 medical background. This resolution would require significant additional effort for Zonta International and its volunteer officers and this will not be possible in the near future**

#### OUR FOCUS:

Zonta International has effective links with the United Nations and our mandate often refers to SDGs. These are the powerful UN Sustainable Development Goals. Zonta focuses on # 5 Gender Equality. Learn more at <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs>

**Lesley Pratchett, Director Advocacy**

## MEMBERSHIP

First, I want to welcome Dianne Trueman, who was inducted last month. This has brought our numbers up to 37. Welcome Dianne.

Cath, Ann and I attended St. Catherine's school assembly on the 13th July to present Susan Beale with the "Thumbs Up Award" for her great dedication to forming and running the first Z Club in the Whitsundays. The "Thumbs Up Award" is presented to members of the community in appreciation for their volunteer work that we feel goes beyond the norm. Any Zonta member can recommend a person for this award. If anyone has someone in mind, please contact me.

We had another wonderful morning tea on the 30th June at Ann's. There was great food, fellowship and company. What a fantastic host, thank you Ann.

Our Christmas Party committee have met and has booked VMR for Saturday 24th November. Please put this date in your diaries. There will be more information later.

We are having our Wedding photo competition at this month's General meeting so let's make it a night to remember. Let's dress up as if we are going to a wedding. Please bring a pen or pencil to mark your choice.

**Judy Brown, Director Membership**

## THUMBS UP GOES TO SUSAN BEALE



### 2018-2020 International Biennial Goals:

**GOAL 1 - We maximize our impact through service and advocacy initiatives and educational programs that empower women and girls.**

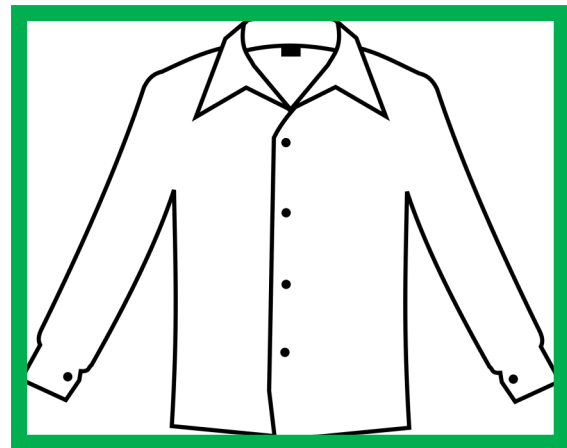
**GOAL 2 - We strengthen our resources to support our mission.**

**GOAL 3 - We enhance our profile around the world through our centennial anniversary activities.**

## SERVICE

3.5 kilos of shirts for the Gija men of the Kimberley's: Australia Post is conveying a vast number of white shirts to the Gija men of the Kimberley. They like to wear them to funerals, where formal wear is expected.

This is the second parcel that we have sent. (Wendy posted over 2 kilos a month ago) Thank you to all the contributors. Ex-Zonta member, Suzanne, who manages the Kimberley Retreat will be pleased to pass them on to the community. Cath Fernbach



### FILM NIGHT 12th July 2018 Cath's Place 6pm for a 7pm film start

Have you ever complained about having to go and vote? The inconvenience of it all? Many of us don't value the fact that, in western democracies, we all have the right to vote for our governments.

Cast your mind back to US prior to 1920....and the UK prior to 1928... and Australia prior to .1902.... when women were not allowed to vote. Interestingly, women in Saudi Arabia have only just secured the right to vote. Obtaining universal suffrage is a right and a privilege bravely fought for by women.

The movie, *The Suffragettes*, (Carey Mulligan, Meryl Streep, Helene Bonham Carter) released in 2015 and set in 1912 UK shows us the personal sacrifices made by many brave women to give women the rights and privileges we enjoy today. The film deals not just with the fight for the right to vote but recognizes the need for women to have an education, equal pay, workplace equality, rights against sexual harassment in the workplace, rights to have custody of her children after a divorce.

We still have a way to go but women in the 21st century are certainly much more empowered than they were 100 years ago. Come along and enjoy a great film, some nibbles and wine and the company of fellow Zontians. Bring a friend if you would like.

Let Roz know if you are attending and what you are bringing.



Tribute to our much-loved Pam Graham: I have just attended the Memorial Service at Convention in Yokohama and thought you might like a couple of photos of the program. It was a beautiful service and the violin player was just superb. Bridget Mather, District Lieutenant Governor. (Thanks so very much Bridget for sending us this)



THANKS TO ANN FOR HER HOSPITALITY AND LOVELY MORNING TEA...just a pleasure to meet new friends, chat with old friends and enjoy lovely time together.



WOW – DO WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO!!

Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills who on Saturday 16th June participated in an Assembly Day at which the 2 millionth Birthing Kit was assembled. This very same club assembled the first ever Birthing Kit in 1999! A large crowd assembled for this milestone occasion including founding members who packed those first kits 19 years ago, dozens of Zontians, BKFA staff and many enthusiastic volunteers! Pictured here are Bev Hocking of Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills, founding members Julie Monis-Ivett OAM and Joy O'Hazy and Jenny Weaver, Chair of the BKFA board.





<b>Angela Spicer</b>	<b>15th July</b>
<b>Christina della Valle</b>	<b>16th July</b>
<b>Kerrie Adam</b>	<b>17th July</b>
<b>Dawn Green</b>	<b>18th July</b>
<b>Pammie Harrison</b>	<b>18th July</b>
<b>Joanne Richardson</b>	<b>23rd July</b>
<b>Ann Cleghorn</b>	<b>25th July</b>
<b>PJ Halter</b>	<b>31st July</b>
<b>Betty Whitehorn</b>	<b>11th August</b>
<b>Alicia Palmer</b>	<b>24th August</b>
<b>Laura Morrison</b>	<b>25th August</b>
<b>Sandii Hansen</b>	<b>25th August</b>

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**Minimise the number of individual emails – all date claimers, reports, and details of events should be in ReefTalk and/or GM agendas**

**Emails addressed to all members should be sent by the Secretary only; the contact list should not be used for private purposes**

**If a reply is required, this should be addressed to the one person nominated to receive them; DO NOT use the ‘reply all’ button**

**Emails addressed to all Board members should follow same protocol**

**Emails between Directors and committee members should be restricted to those concerned, not copied to all members**

**General Meeting: 19 July: VMR – 6pm for 6.30 start. \$25 per person – guest speaker**

**Book Club: 25 July – contact Kerry Kenyon**

**Airlie Beach Running Festival: 22 July - we will have water station near Coral Sea Resort 6AM-noon:**

**Volunteers welcome – we have 2 shifts – contact PJ if you wish to watch the runners pass by!**

**Reef Festival Parade – 4 August – contact Patsy Morgan (WE WILL BE MARCHING IN THE PARADE)**

**Board Meeting: 6 August – 10AM – Laura Morrison’s**

**Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – 25 August & 1 September**

**Bowen Race Day – 29 September**

**Put this on your calendar: 24 November: Christmas Party - VMR**



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**<https://www.facebook.com/WhitsundayZonta>**

**District 22 FaceBook There is now a district 22 FaceBook also.**

**<https://www.facebook/District-22-Zonta-International>**



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